

IN THE CLAIMS

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44. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a portable power supply providing operating power to said computerized system;
- (d) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector within said interior space; and
- (e) said device having an open condition providing access to said interior space while said device housing is in said open condition to enable connection with said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

45. (New) The device of claim 44, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

46. (New) The device of claim 44, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

47. (New) The device of claim 44, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

48. (New) The device of claim 44, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

49. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device having a user interface to enable a user to interact with the device during data communication, said device having a computer processor connected therewith for controlling operation of said device, said device having a battery to supply operating power to said computer processor, said device comprising a device housing portion with a peripheral device electrical connector therein accessible from the exterior of said housing portion, a cover releasably engaged with said housing portion, and a peripheral device circuit electrically coupled with the peripheral device electrical connector,

said peripheral device circuit having a peripheral device electrical connector fitting accessible from the exterior of said housing portion and coupled with said computer processor via said peripheral device circuit for providing data communication with a peripheral device,

said peripheral device electrical connector being coupled with said computer processor via said peripheral device circuit, and

said housing portion providing operative access to said peripheral device electrical connector to enable a peripheral coupling to be received by said peripheral device electrical connector thereby to provide peripheral access to said computer processor via said peripheral

device circuit, said peripheral device electrical connector having a spatial region frontally thereof for accommodating a peripheral coupling.

50. (New) The device of claim 49, wherein said cover protectively encloses said spatial region.

51. (New) The device of claim 49, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

52. (New) The device of claim 49, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

53. (New) The device of claim 49, wherein the peripheral device circuit is adapted to provide a wireless communication capability.

54. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;

(c) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector within said interior space; and

(d) said device having an open condition providing access to said interior space while said device housing is in said open condition to enable connection with said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

55. (New) The device of claim 54, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

56. (New) The device of claim 54, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

57. (New) The device of claim 54, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

58. (New) The device of claim 54, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

59. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system, connected with said user interface, controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a device housing having an access opening; and
- (d) a cap releasably engaged with said housing and enclosing a memory coupling with said computerized system.

60. (New) The device of claim 59, wherein said cap forms a cover enclosing said access opening of said housing and said memory.

61. (New) The device of claim 59, further comprising:
a peripheral device electrical connector.

62. (New) The device of claim 61, wherein the peripheral device electrical connector provides coupling between said computerized system and a particular device external to said cap via a cable.

63. (New) The device of claim 62, further comprising:
a battery,
wherein the peripheral device electrical connector accommodates coupling of said battery with the particular device external to said cap.

64. (New) The device of claim 59, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

65. (New) The device of claim 59, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

66. (New) The device of claim 59, wherein the memory comprises a removable memory card.

67. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a portable power supply providing operating power to said computerized system;
- (d) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector recessed, at least in part, within said interior space; and

- (e) said device having an opening in the device housing providing access to said interior space to enable connection with said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

68. (New) The device of claim 67, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

69. (New) The device of claim 67, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

70. (New) The device of claim 67, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

71. (New) The device of claim 67, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

72. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a portable power supply providing operating power to said computerized system;
- (d) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector recessed, at least in part, within said interior space; and
- (e) said device having an opening in the device housing providing access to said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

73. (New) The device of claim 72, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

74. (New) The device of claim 72, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

75. (New) The device of claim 72, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

76. (New) The device of claim 72, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

77. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector recessed, at least in part, within said interior space; and
- (d) said device having an opening in said device housing providing access to said interior space to enable connection with said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

78. (New) The device of claim 77, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

79. (New) The device of claim 77, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

80. (New) The device of claim 77, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

81. (New) The device of claim 77, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

82. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

- (a) a user interface;
- (b) a computerized system controlling operation of the device;
- (c) a device housing having a normal closed condition defining an interior space within the device housing, and having an interior electrical connector recessed, at least in part, within said interior space; and
- (d) said device having an opening in said device housing providing access to said interior electrical connector of a peripheral device equipping the device to perform a new function.

83. (New) The device of claim 82, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

84. (New) The device of claim 82, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

85. (New) The device of claim 82, wherein the new function comprises a wireless communication capability.

86. (New) The device of claim 82, wherein the peripheral device comprises a radio frequency communication module.

87. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device having a user interface to enable a user to interact with the device during data communication, said device having a computer processor connected therewith for controlling operation of said device, said device having a battery to supply operating power to said computer processor, said device comprising a device housing portion with a peripheral device electrical connector accessible from the exterior of said housing portion and a peripheral device circuit electrically coupled with the peripheral device electrical connector,

said peripheral device circuit having a peripheral device electrical connector fitting accessible from the exterior of said housing portion and coupled with said computer processor via said peripheral device circuit for providing data communication with a peripheral device,

said peripheral device electrical connector being coupled with said computer processor via said peripheral device circuit, and

said housing portion providing operative access to said peripheral device electrical connector to enable a peripheral coupling to be received by said peripheral device electrical connector thereby to provide peripheral access to said computer processor via said peripheral device circuit, said peripheral device electrical connector having a spatial region frontally thereof for accommodating a peripheral coupling.

88. (New) The device of claim 87, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

89. (New) The device of claim 87, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

90. (New) The device of claim 87, wherein the peripheral device circuit is adapted to provide a wireless communication capability.

91. (New) In a data communication system, a portable computerized data communication device, comprising:

(a) a user interface;

(b) a computerized system, connected with said user interface, controlling operation of the device;

(c) a device housing having an access opening;

(d) a cover releasably engaged with said housing; and

(e) a wireless communication module coupled to the computerized system via the access opening.

92. (New) The device of claim 91, wherein the device is sized to be held in a hand of a user.

93. (New) The device of claim 91, wherein the user interface comprises an alphanumeric keypad.

94. (New) The device of claim 91, wherein the wireless communication module comprises a radio communication module.